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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON SADAT INITIATIVE

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1. I CALLED FONMIN BOUCETTA AT HOME NOV. 18 (A MOROCCAN
HOLIDAY) AND MADE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL, URGING PUBLIC
GOM SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVE. BOUCETTA REPLIED THAT MOROCCAN
ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INITIATIVE CORRESPONDED ENTIRELY WITH
US VIEWS, THAT GOM AGREED SADAT HAD TAKEN A VERY COURAGEOUS
STEP, AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT MY DEMARCHE TO KING. MEAN-
WHILE, BOUCETTA INDICATED, HE WAS WORKING ACTIVELY AND
QUIETLY WITH MOROCCAN PRESS, IN LIGHT OF NEGATIVE
REACTIONS IN ARAB WORLD, IN ORDER TO KEEP PUBLIC OPINION

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IN MOROCCO FROM TURNING AGAINST THE SADAT INITIATIVE.

2. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTED TO US NOV. 18 THAT HE HAD NOT
RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS SADAT INITIATIVE WITH GOM,
BUT THAT IN INFORMAL TALKS WITH MFA AND OTHER OFFICIALS
DURING YESTERDAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS HE HAD
FOUND POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN MOROCCO'S PREOCCUPATION WITH SUPPORT
IN THE ARAB WORLD FOR ITS POSITION IN THE SAHARA DISPUTE,
WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT THE KING WILL GET OUT IN FRONT
PUBLICLY ON THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL SADAT INITIATIVE. THE
MOST WE CAN PROBABLY HOPE FOR AT THIS STAGE IS BEHIND THE SCENES
EFFORTS BY KING TO SUPPORT HIS CLOSE FRIEND PRESIDENT SADAT.
BOUCETTA'S EFFORTS WITH THE PRESS APPEAR TO BE BEARING FRUIT, AS
PRESS REACTION HAS SO FAR BEEN RESTRAINED AND FACTUAL.
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